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For: **METHODS OF PREVENTING DEPLETION OF NON-AUTOLOGOUS HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS AND ANIMAL MODEL SYSTEM FOR USE THEREOF**

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated October 13, 1998 please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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In the Claims:

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1.(Amended) A method of reducing depletion in a mammal of non-autologous hematopoietic cells comprising, administering to [the] an immunocompromised mammal an effective amount of non-autologous hematopoietic cells, and administering to the mammal an effective amount of an agent which selectively decreases the number of endogenous macrophages to a level effective to reduce depletion of the non-autologous hematopoietic cells.

3.(Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the non-autologous hematopoietic cells are made by hematopoietic tissue engrafted into the mammal.

8.(Amended) The method according to [claim 7] claim 1 wherein the mammal is

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